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DID "FRED" MEAN TO DIE?

THE PRETTY GIRL WHO TOOK POISON AC-
CIDENTALLY OR OTHERWISE.

She Had Told Her Landlord She Was Mar-
ried, but Her Friend Says She Was Not—
Miss Maggie's Theoretic Story of the
Taking of the Fatal Dose—She Says
There Was No Reason for Suicide.

Frederic Mormon, the pretty young girl
who swallowed a dose of carbolic acid, died
in the Roosevelt Hospital at 9 o'clock this
morning.

The question is raised whether she took the
poison purposely or by mistake.
The police were first informed of the poi-
soning at 7:30 o'clock last evening, when Of-
ficer Winchell, of the West Forty-seventh
street station was called to the girl's home,
on the second floor of the house at 415 West
Forty-sixth street.

He found her lying on the bed in a semi-
conscious state, and there was a strong odor
of carbolic acid in the room.

An ambulance carried the girl to the Roose-
velt Hospital, where antidotes were adminis-
tered and she was put to bed.

The girl's mother, Maud, told the police
that her daughter had taken the fatal dose by
mistake. The same story was told by Charles
Luthe, who was in the apartments when the
poisoning happened.

An Evening World reporter called at the
house this morning. It is a little three-story
frame cottage, and stands about forty feet
back from Forty-sixth street.

After repeated and vain rapping at the
doors of the apartments tenanted by the dead
girl's family, the reporter ascended to the
floor above and interviewed William Arm-
strong, the landlord.

Mr. Armstrong is an elderly man and some-
what deaf. In answer to the reporter's ques-
tions he said that the family had occupied
the second floor for about a month.

"The floor was rented to the young
woman," said he. "She came here in the
latter part of last month, and after looking
at the place engaged it. She told me that
she was married to a man named John Smith,
who was a bartender. Smith, her mother
and herself were to occupy the apartments."

"The family moved in on the first of this
month. The girl whom I knew as Mrs.
Smith came here with her mother, and a
young man whom I took for her husband. A
few days later the household was increased
by the appearance of an old man."

"To the police last night the young woman
described herself as Frederic Mormon, aged
twenty-three years, and unmarried."

"The reporter met the girl's mother this
morning as she was leaving Roosevelt Hos-
pital. She was accompanied by Luthe, her
mother and a young brunette, who said her name was Mag-
gie, and that she was a friend of the family."

Mrs. Mormon is a German and cannot
speak English.
Miss Maggie declared that "Fred" had
poisoned herself accidentally. She was in
the habit of using carbolic acid for cleaning
purposes, she said.

"The way I look at it," said Maggie, "Fred
must have poured some of the stuff into a tea-
cup and set it down. A few minutes later
she may have become thirsty, picked
up the cup, thought it contained water, and
swallowed the contents."

"I have known her ten years. I never
heard that she was married, and can't under-
stand why she told the landlady that she was.
She was engaged to be married to a travelling
salesman, and there was no reason why she
should kill herself intentionally."

EIGHT UNIONS WITHDREW.

Splits in the Sections Caused by the C. L. U.
Secession.

Much interest was manifested by organized
labor people in last night's meetings of the
Food-Producers and the Metal-Workers Sec-
tions at 145 Eighth street, as it was thought
that most of the Socialistic delegates would
decide on the question of remaining in the
Central Labor Union or joining the seceders
of Bock's Hall.

In the Food-Producers' Section the Social-
istic element showed its displeasure by lay-
ing the minutes of the Central Labor Union
on the table.

Cake Bakers' and Confectioners' Union No.
64, the Beer Drivers' Union, Journeymen
Brewers' Union No. 1, the Journeymen Pie
Bakers' Union, and the Oystermen's Union
announced their intention to withdraw their
delegates and join the Central Labor Federa-
tion or Bock's Hall faction. Bakers' Union
No. 1 and 13 reported that they had with-
drawn their delegates from the Central Labor
Union and elected new ones to the
Central Federation, which was received as
an indication that the Section delegates
would be withdrawn. A delegate of the
Progressive Bakers' Union said that his
organization would stick to the Section and
the old Central Labor Union.

Ale and Porter Brewers' Union No. 1 re-
ported that it would not take any action
until it had held a joint meeting with the
Brewery Employed Protection Association.

The Magnolia Association of Waiters de-
clared its intention of remaining in the Sec-
tion.

The Metal-Workers' Section discussed
secession until nearly midnight. Eccentric
Engineers' No. 1 said they would stick to the
Section, and Horseshoers' Union No. 1 fully
intended the Central Labor Union.

United Machinists No. 1 did not report, but
one of its delegates who acted as Financial
Secretary of the Section resigned from that
office and withdrew from the meeting.

The delegates of Eccentric Engineers' No. 2
said they would remain. The Amalgamated
Brewers' withdrew their delegates and
Progressive Machinists No. 2 also withdrew.

The sections will meet again next Wednes-
day night.

A Roman Citizen's Tale of Woe.

W. T. Goodwin, a waiter at the Warren Hotel,
was held at the Jefferson Market Court to-day,
on the charge of J. J. Guernsey, of Rome, N. Y.,
that he had stolen his scarf-pin and \$70 in cash
from his pocket. Mr. Guernsey drank at the
bar at 4 o'clock this morning and when he quit
drinking he missed the money.

MOORE'S FURNISHING CLOSET, in building, worth
the goods and value the owner. 25 cents.

CONUNDRUMS

"The Evening World" Offers \$20
in Gold for the Best Original One.

Henry Guy Carleton, the Humorist, Will
Be the Judge.

The Contest, Like a Good Conundrum
Itself, Will Be Short and Sharp.

THE EVENING WORLD will continue its
series of interesting competitions by a conun-
drum contest.

The prize will be a gold double eagle (\$20)
for the best original conundrum submitted.

Henry Guy Carleton, the well-known
humorist, will wear the judicial ermine in
this competition. All questions arising in
the matter will be determined by him.

This does not mean, however, that he will
answer the conundrums. They must in
every instance be accompanied by the solu-
tions.

The contest will be a short one. The com-
peting conundrums must be sent in this week
or before 6 p. m. Friday, March 8. None re-
ceived after that time can compete.

The publication of some of the best conun-
drums received will begin on Monday,
March 4. On Saturday, March 9, the decision
of the judge will, if possible, be announced.

We trust that our friends will refrain from
deluging the judge with chestnuts. A black
list of offenders in this respect will be pub-
lished if necessary.

All conundrums should be addressed to
"Conundrum Editor, THE EVENING WORLD,
New York."

TO DREAM TOURNAMENT COMPETITORS.

Judge Julian Hawthorne has decided upon
the winner in the dream tournament. The
champion dream will be printed and the
winner's name announced as soon as possible.

A few days' delay is unavoidable in order to
establish as far as possible the authenticity of
the successful dream.

BOUGHT BY ANGRY ITALIANS.

A Man Who Wanted a Gang for Work on
a Brooklyn Railroad.

Louis Palo, an Italian contractor living at
1 Broadway, Brooklyn, and forty other Ital-
ians are looking for James Hayes, who, they
say, has swindled them out of all their sav-
ings.

Palo says that Hayes, who told him he lived
at 1287 De Kalb avenue, called on him and
asked him to defray the railroad fare which was
contracted at \$9.50 a day, to work on a railroad
track at Rockaway.

The latter agreed to get the men, and then
lent Hayes \$41 and a watch, the latter saying
he needed it to bury his father who had just
died.

As soon as Hayes had left Palo started out
to get his men, whom he was to pay \$1.50 a
day. By Monday he had succeeded in ob-
taining forty laborers, when Hayes again
called upon him.

He told Palo to collect 50 cents from each
man to defray the railroad fare, which was
done. Hayes took the money and told Palo
to drive his men over to Woodhaven, where
he would meet them.

Palo and his men started over to Wood-
haven, where they waited all day, but Hayes
did not materialize. Seeing that they had
been duped they went to the Seventeenth
Precinct Station-House and told Capt. French
all about it.

He has two of his men looking for Hayes.
The latter does not live at 1287 De Kalb
avenue.

ANOTHER PRIEST IMPRISONED.

Balfour's Coercion Policy Goes on with
Unabated Vigor.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)
DUBLIN, Feb. 28. The enforcement of the
Coercion act goes on with unabated vigor.

Father Clark, parish priest of Avoca, was
this morning arrested under the act, and will
undergo six weeks' imprisonment in Wexford
Jail.

Father Kennedy was to-day released from
Cork Jail, the term for which he was sen-
tenced having expired. He was received at
the prison gates by the members of the City
Corporation and a large crowd, and escorted
to a hotel. He made a speech condemning
the imprisonment of clergymen and members
of Parliament.

A DEPRECATORY INVOCATION.

Spring.
Gentle Spring.
Be not too sudden;
The almanac permits thee on the morrow.
We've fire and blow and in thy mud been
muddling it.

A-may, a-may time, much to our sorrow!
Come
Without straining
A tendon: Training
Is what is needed, venal, venal
Season of which the farmer's beef-
To get us broken in.

Their Fun Cost Them a Night in a Cell.
Four dandily dressed young men, who said
they were Walter S. Johnson, of 34 West
Sixty-sixth street; James E. Clark, of 112 West
Twenty-second street; George D. Jones, of 21
West Twenty-third street, and Alfred R. Ames,
of 19 West Twenty-sixth street, were arraigned
in Jefferson Market Court to-day on charges of
insulting and throwing crackers at John R.
Kind, porter at the Sturtevant House, last
night.

Mr. Kind thought they had been sufficiently
punished for their conduct last night and would
not prosecute, so the young men were dis-
charged.

To Investigate the Public Works.
The expert accountants of the Commissioners
of Accounts were set to work in the Bureau of
Repairs and Supplies of the Public Works De-
partment this morning.

The Commissioners will enter upon a thorough
investigation of the affairs of this department
as soon as they have done with the new West
Washington Market inquiry.

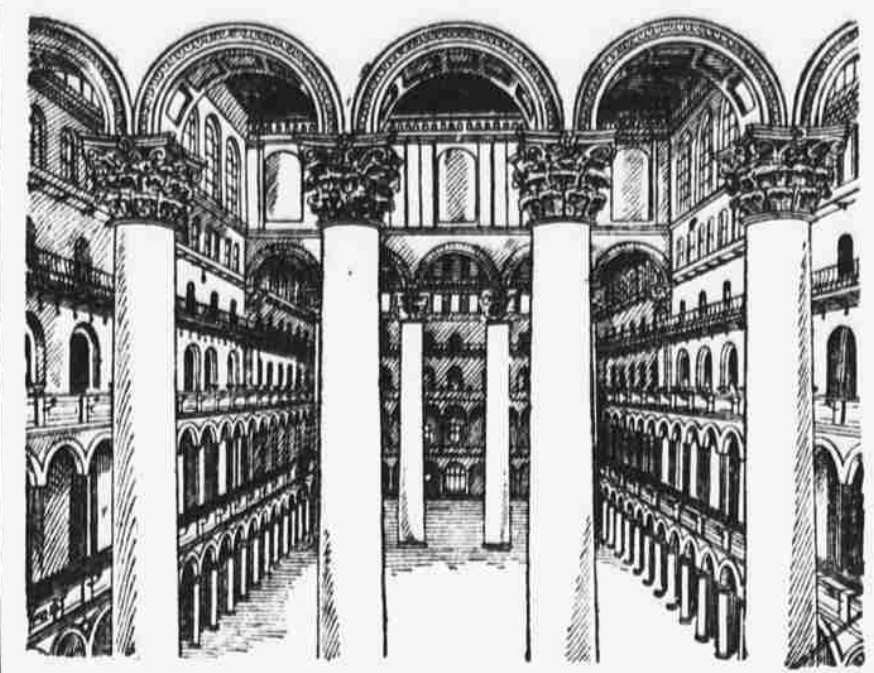
Looks Like a Murder.
(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
BOSTON, Feb. 28.—Tuesday morning a man
calling himself August Lorenzo reported at Sta-
tion 5 that a man named John White was found
dead in his bed at 72 Dover street. An autopsy
has revealed the fact that the man's skull was
fractured.

Several inmates of the house have been ar-
rested on suspicion of foul play.

Expatriate Records Destroyed.
(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, Feb. 28.—The Registry
offices have been destroyed by fire. The regis-
ters of expatriation and taxation of the city, the
work of years, are lost. Other and important
records are also in ashes. There will be much
confusion in the finances in consequence.

THE GREAT PENSION BUILDING HALL.

(Before Decoration.)

Where the Inaugural Ball Will Be Held Next Monday
Night.

Of the sixteen hundred members who make
up the various committees and sub-com-
mittees preparing for the inaugural festivities
at Washington on Monday next, few are
busier than those looking after the details of
the grand ball at the Pension Building.

The big office hall in which the ball will
take place will be gloriously transformed for
that night by the use of superb decorations
in flags, flowers and electric lights.

The building itself, as shown in the ac-
companying cut, is of imposing exterior, and
the ballroom is not less majestic in size and
architectural design.

In the centre of the hall a most striking
feature of the temporary embellishments, has
been erected a Chinese pagoda in which the
two bands will be stationed, one on the floor
above the other. Still lower than the bands,
on a level with the ballroom floor, a grotto
and fountain will be arranged, forming a ro-
mantic retreat, which will be adorned with
flowers and palms.

The immense pillars of the hall have been
regilded, and every bit of paint and gilding
about the place has been retouched.

Soft gaslights will be mingled with the
glaring electric illuminations. The jets have
been arranged to hang from the ceilings and
arcades in great loops and squares, showing
out in all their fullness over the main floor
and in other places below, half shaded by
flowers and vines. A double line of lights
will be suspended from the galleries, all
about it.

For the dancing, no new floor has been
laid. That would involve an expense of
\$8,000 and it has been considered just as ef-
fective to polish up the tile floor, since it is not
expected that such a great amount of actual
dancing will take place in the crowded hall.

The reception of the President, which is
one of the first events on the programme, oc-
cupies the time until a pretty late hour at an
inaugural ball, and it is not until after that
ceremony that the dancers get any swing at
all. Many people leave immediately after the
reception.

Long covered entrances have been built
from each doorway of the building over the
sidewalk to the entrance of the ladies' lavatory
carriages can walk under shelter directly to
the cloak-rooms.

Arrangements will prevail this time, as at
the ball of four years ago, by which depart-
ing guests using livery carriages can take the
first one which comes in line without waiting
for the special one in which they arrived. Private
carriages will go to specially assigned entrances.

The aides to the general floor manager of
the ball will control certain sections of the
floor, and as each one gets his section ready
he will notify the floor manager by pressing a
small button, which will ring an electric
bell. When each of the aides has been heard
from the floor manager will press another
button, and the ringing of a bell in the pa-
goda will notify the leader of the orchestra,
who will start the music.

Not the least laborious on the evening of
the great ball will be the labors of the usher,
who will act as guides to the various cloak-
rooms.

The cut printed here indicates some of
the size and the possible complexity of the
arrangement of the ballroom and its sur-
rounding compartments. Imagine the ordi-
nary embarrassment in this multiplicity of
rooms lighted by the addition of bewil-
dering lights and the creation of new nooks
and corners, amid the decorative structures,
and one can begin to feel what these matters
will have to do, dealing as they will very
largely with people who are strangers to
Washington ways and habits.

No return checks will be issued at the ball.
When a guest leaves the big and brilliant
building behind him, even but for a moment,
his return will be purchased only at the same
price as his first entrance. This will avoid
the clever scheming of the half-dozen who
sometimes do a ball in turns at the expense
of only one ticket.

MR. MILLER'S WINE VAULT.

AN EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR'S SECRET
DRAUGHT TO LIGHT.

Fred Wheeler Tells a Shocking Tale—The
"Practical Temperance Reformer" Does
Not Practice Personal Abstinence—A
Three-Inch Door Necessary—A Confiden-
tial Carpenter's Valuable Services.

(From today's Extra, the Philadelphia Record.)
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 28. (Special Corre-
spondence.)—For many years the attitude of
the Methodist denomination in its official ut-
terances in reference to the liquor traffic has
been abreast with the positions of the Good
Templars, the W. C. T. U. and other ad-
vanced temperance organizations.

The Methodists have stood for total abstinence
for the individual and prohibition for the
State. No one has been recognized as a
leader whose personal conduct and habits
did not square with his professions. But
more than this has been insisted upon; that
no member could consistently offer to others
as a beverage liquor which his membership
prevented him from drinking himself, and in
the few isolated cases wherein leaders have
violated this law, whether written or unwrit-
ten, their leadership has been forfeited and
they have been quickly relegated to the rear.

The great body of the Methodists of this
State live up consistently and fully to the re-
quirements, and therefore have a right to de-
mand the same conduct of those who are try-
ing to lead the church in its opposition to the
saloon.

In the recent campaign in this State ex-
Senator Warner Miller made claims of being
a temperance candidate, and was supported
as such by many sincere temperance men
who were led to believe that he was a total
abstainer, and as a prominent Methodist, a
believer in the doctrine of his church on the
liquor question. I had heard for some time
vague rumors that Mr. Miller was a wine-
drinker and that he had a secret wine vault
in the cellar of his beautiful Herkimer resi-
dence. I received many letters from tem-
perance men asking about the truth of these
reports, and I determined to make a thorough
and careful investigation of the subject. I
have done so to the best of my ability, using
a special visit to Herkimer and using every
care to obtain the exact facts. I am
prepared to make the following definite
statements:

Warner Miller has a secret wine vault in
his Herkimer residence. It was built secretly,
the workman who did the woodwork being
instructed to lock the cellar door on each
occasion of going out or coming into the
cellar.

This work was done by one of his garden-
ers, who is a carpenter and jack-at-all-
trades, and engaged by Mr. Miller by the
year. The workman was also instructed to
make the door of the vault three inches thick,
but supposing that by using 7/8 material

doubled together, thus making a door 1 1/2
inches thick, he would have a door heavy
enough for any ordinary purpose, he did so.

But Mr. Miller ordered him to make
another, and "make it three inches thick
this time." This he did, but it made so heavy a
door that one man could not easily hang it.
He was not permitted, however, to take any
one in to help him, but was compelled to
use wooden horses, weights, pulleys, chains,
etc., as well as much time and strategy, in
order to hang it.

The liquors were sent to Herkimer, not di-
rected to Mr. Miller, but to the manufactur-
ing company of which he is President. This
company delivered them from the depot and
placed them in the vault. They were in a
long, rough box, which, upon being opened,
was found to contain another box, and this
contained generally four smaller boxes, each
holding two or three bottles of liquor.

A year or more after the vault was built the
empty bottles had accumulated somewhat, and
Mr. Miller instructed his faithful en-
slaved man to take a quantity of them out into
the swamp, dig a hole and bury them. The
workman, thinking some of them would be
very useful for catnip and other purposes in
his home, offered Mr. Miller \$3 for 100 of
them. Mr. Miller refused to sell any and
insisted that they be buried.

On one occasion, while building the vault,
when the workman was carrying in a bundle
of lumber on his shoulder, before he could
reach the door on the inside, two men walked
quickly around the corner of the house and
down into the cellar, and of course very soon
compulsed him to take up the lumber and
leave the cellar. The news of this was not
better protecting the secrecy of his work.

The above facts can be substantiated com-
pletely. FRED F. WHEELER,
Chairman New York State Prohibition Com-
mittee.

HARRY GENET STRANGELY STRICKEN.
Speechless and Helpless from a Peculiar
Cancer in the Mouth.

Harry W. Genet, formerly County Clerk of
this county and familiarly known during
Twisted ring times as "Prince Hal," is suf-
fering from a peculiar disease, which baffles
the physicians and is beginning to unsettle
his intellect.

His trouble first appeared in a fungus
growth just beneath the point of the tongue,
which grew so rapidly as to necessitate the
excision of several teeth. This fungus now
protrudes from the mouth and prevents the
suffering man from speaking or taking any
solid food. It is believed to be a cancer of
the tongue, due to excessive smoking, and an
operation is contemplated.

Harry Genet was indicted and convicted
for the same in the County Court, and served
several years in prison. In 1882, after his
release, he ran for Alderman but was de-
feated.

WHISKEY BLAMED FOR THE FIRE.
A Broadway Blaze Supposed to Be Caused
by an Alcoholic Explosion.

A fire at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street
stopped the Sixth avenue, Broadway and
Green cars about 1 o'clock this morning and
attracted a large crowd. It was in the whole-
sale wine and liquor store of Hawkins & Co.,
at No. 1298, and extended to Hammer's
shirt store and Saitta's florist's place round
the corner in Thirty-fourth street.

The firemen did most effective work and
the flames were confined to the one building.
The loss was about \$1,500.
The basement of 1298 was used for the
storage of whiskey and other liquors, and the
blames were supposed to have been caused by an
alcoholic explosion.

SHE MARRIED A POOR LO.

GERTRUDE BRITTON, SCHOOL TEACHER, THE
BRIDE OF A SIOUX INDIAN.

Wellington Is the Groom's Name and Dis-
reputable Are His Tastes and Habits—A
Strange Case of Infatuation and No
Chance for a Romance—The Half-Bred
Pair Living in a Log Hut in Dakota.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
ARMY, Dak., Feb. 27.—The infatuation
of Gertrude Britton, a white school-teacher,
for the full-blooded Sioux Indian, Wellin-
ton, whom she has finally married, is the talk
of this vicinity.

All the apparent romance of this union be-
tween a noble son of the forest and the
daughter of one of the later American race is
lost under the circumstances.

It is not a parallel case to that in which
Cora Bell-Fellows, of Washington, figured
as the heroine, a short time ago. In that
instance the groom was sturdy young buck,
well-built, intelligent, civilized and of at-
tractive personal appearance.

The husband chosen by Miss Britton pre-
sents a direct contrast to this description.
He would never excite the most keenly
imaginative novelist. He could not figure in a
poetic verse by the exercise of the broadest
poetic license.

He is repulsive in personal appearance and
has habits of a most degrading order. Then
he is utterly poverty-stricken and lives his
low life in a dirty log hut near Gretnowood.
To this primitive shanty the bride has gone
to dwell with the uncouth being she has
wedded.

Miss Britton came from Springfield, Ill.,
where her parents are respectable and well-
to-do people. They were bitterly opposed to
their daughter's marriage to Wellington, but
their opposition was of no effect, nor were
the arguments and entreaties of the young
woman's friends of any avail.

The young teacher has been following her
occupation at the Yankton agency, and it
was while there that she met the wily Well-
ington. She is rather a prepossessing girl,
and that she, with her education and taste,
should become enamored of the more than
unattractive man is further evidence of the
uncertain nature of human fancy and
passion.

For his part, Wellington can probably be
accused of little sentimentality in the matter.
He undoubtedly rests contented in the sim-
ple assumption that he has secured a lively
and likely mate who will keep things bust-
ling and things to eat in the log hut, while he
himself enjoys that dignified repose and
pleasant indifference befitting the descendant
of a line of proud warriors.

The marriage ceremony occurred at the
Yankton agency and was exceedingly simple.
It was performed by the Rev. Joseph J. I.
Cook, who is an Episcopalian clergyman.

Not only the white friends of the bride,
but the better class of Indians look with dis-
approval upon the union.

SAYS NOLAN WAS INSANE.

Lawyer Howe's Opening of the Defense for
Emma Buch's Murderer.

The trial of James Nolan for the murder of
Emma Buch on Nov. 29 was continued this
morning before Judge Cowing in General Ses-
sions.

Lawyer William F. Howe opened for the
defense shortly after noon.

He claims the defendant was insane at the
time he committed the murder. When he
was ten years old he fell from the balustrade
and struck the back of his head, and a few
years later he recovered a sunstroke. He has
never been sane since his fall.

WORLDLINGS.

A corner lot in Chicago was recently sold at
the price of \$187.50 a square foot, or \$1.30 a
square inch.

Gen. Gilman Marston, the new Senator from
New Hampshire, is said to have been a superb
soldier who was idolized by his troops for his
personal bravery and for the care he took of
them.

The most conspicuous of the half-dozen Illi-
nois Congressmen who have been relegated to
private life is John Baker, who represents Mor-
rison's old district. He is described as a quaint
old fellow who wears a collar and choker of
antique style, and whose neck is so stiff that
he cannot turn his head without moving his body.

The area bell is rung all day
and in a most distracting way
It jars upon the train of thought
With which the soul is fraught,
And fills me with intense disquiet.

It summons Bridget both obey
And to the door she hastens straightway
To think herself she has been taught—
The area bell.

Then back to work she hies so fast,
And sings of Erin many a lay.
In vain is silence then brought,
For still her soul is wrought.
She thinks she is—she heard her say—
The area bell.

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